

REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended the specification as requested by the Examiner. Claims 4 - 11 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c). Claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 have been objected to as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend on another multiple dependent claim. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 to overcome the Examiner's objections.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Response, it is submitted that the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-11 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

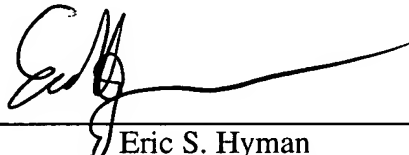
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 7, 2004

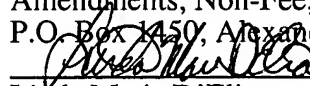
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